Chapter 19: The Sea of Afterlife

The Sea of Afterlife, an ethereal expanse existing beyond the realms of the living, was a place where countless souls drifted, awaiting their final rest or reincarnation. For centuries, it remained untouched—a domain reserved for the natural cycle of life and death. However, with the rise of the Divine Triad and their legendary heirs, this sacred sea would serve a new purpose.

Led by the second clones of the Absolute Dragonic Being and the Absolute Humanoid Being, the Seven Dragons of Shadow embarked on their most ambitious task yet: harnessing the untapped potential of the Sea of Afterlife to expand their armies.

The Journey to the Sea

The Seven Dragons of Shadow, a powerful combination of light, shadow, and dragonic essence, stood united under the guidance of the second clones. They traversed the realms, passing through gates of light and shadow until they arrived at the edge of the Sea of Afterlife.

The sea stretched endlessly, shimmering with a silvery glow. The air was heavy with the presence of countless souls—whispers of lives long past echoing across the waves. The Seven Dragons could feel the weight of the souls around them, a palpable reminder of the task that lay ahead.

“Each soul here carries untapped potential,” the second clone of the Absolute Humanoid Being explained. “They have waited for an eternity, forgotten and abandoned. Now, it is your duty to give them purpose once more.”

The Seven Dragons nodded in unison, their determination unwavering.

The Extraction Ritual

The second clones demonstrated the process, a delicate balance of power and will. With their hands raised, they summoned the essence of shadow, intertwining it with the residual energy of the souls in the sea. Slowly, the scattered fragments of the dead began to coalesce, taking shape as shadow soldiers.

Each of the Seven Dragons of Shadow stepped forward to begin the extraction.

1. Sung Ha-Young, the eldest, summoned her powers, her crimson dragon form towering over the sea. With a sweep of her wings, she drew forth millions of souls, weaving them into formidable shadow soldiers under her command.

2. Sung Jun-Ho, the tactician, used precision and control to extract souls, organizing his new army with military efficiency.

3. Sung Hyun-Joo, with her unique ability to amplify powers, enhanced the strength of the souls she extracted, creating elite shadow warriors.

On the other side, the children of Sung Ye-Rin utilized their mastery over light and balance to harmonize the extraction process:

4. Sung Ri-Hye summoned radiant light, calming the restless souls before binding them into powerful shadow soldiers.

5. Sung Kyun-Rae masterfully merged light and shadow, creating a hybrid army of shadow soldiers infused with radiant energy.

6. Sung Ji-Ae summoned celestial dragons to assist her, using their power to enhance her shadow soldiers' abilities.

7. Sung Da-Hyun, the enigmatic youngest, used his ability to purify and restore souls, ensuring they retained their individuality and strength even in death.

Each of the Seven Dragons extracted hundreds of millions of shadow soldiers, their armies growing exponentially. The sea, once a place of forgotten souls, now became a domain of unparalleled power.

A New Shadow Army

The shadow soldiers extracted from the Sea of Afterlife were unlike any others. They retained fragments of their past lives, granting them unique skills and memories that made them exceptional warriors. This new army, bound by loyalty to the Seven Dragons, would become an unstoppable force in the battles to come.

As the final soul was drawn from the sea, the Seven Dragons of Shadow stood at its edge, their armies stretching as far as the eye could see. The second clones looked on with pride.

"You have done well," the clone of the Absolute Dragonic Being said. "These shadow soldiers will serve you faithfully. They are a testament to your strength and your legacy."

The Return to the Pavilion

With their new armies in tow, the Seven Dragons of Shadow returned to the Pavilion of the Divine Legacy. Their arrival was met with awe and reverence from the Sung Clan and their allies.

The Sea of Afterlife, once a place of stagnation, had been transformed into a source of power and purpose. The shadow soldiers extracted from its depths would now serve as the protectors of the multiverse, ensuring that the balance of light, shadow, creation, and destruction would be preserved.

The Seven Dragons of Shadow, now commanding armies in the hundreds of millions, were ready for whatever challenges lay ahead. Their journey was far from over, but they had proven once again that they were the heirs of the Divine Triad, destined to protect the realms and uphold their family’s legendary legacy.

The multiverse would never be the same.